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THERE FOLLOWS IN AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE ON U.S. INTEREST MATTERS FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA. BEGIN TEXT:

(1) FOR PERSONNEL REASONS, THE EMBASSY HAS SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO SELL THE FURNISHINGS OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENT-OWNED HOUSES. IT WILL TRY TO GET THIS DONE IN THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY. IT APPEARS INAPPROPRIATE TO TURN THIS TASK OVER TO AN AUCTIONEER SINCE THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE FURNISHINGS, WHICH ARE OF SOME VALUE, BEING SOLD AT THROW AWAY PRICES. WE WILL THEREFORE SEE TO THE SALES ON OUR OWN. THE INVENTORY LISTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSES WHICH WERE HANDED OVER TO US WHEN THE U.S. EMBASSY WAS CLOSED DO NOT CORRESPOND WITH THE FURNISHINGS ACTUALLY IN THE HOUSES SINCE MUCH OF THE INVENTORY FROM HOUSES FORMERLY RENTED HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE U.S.-OWNED HOUSES. THERE IS NO WAY OF CHECKING THIS FOR COMPLETENESS. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY WILL CARRY OUT THE SALES IN CORRECT FASHION AND AT THE

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APPROPRIATE TIME WILL SEND A LIST OF THE SUMS REALIZED

AS A RESULT OF THESE SALES.

(2) THE WAREHOUSE IS STUFFED TO THE RAFTERS WITH FURNITURE. OBVIOUSLY, FURNITURE FROM FORMERLY RENTED QUARTERS HAS BEEN STORED HERE. IT IS BY NO MEANS "WITHOUT SALES VALUE" AS ALLEGED IN DE NO. 91 OF 18 DECEMBER. IN THIS CASE, WE WILL COMMISSION AN AUCTIONEER TO SELL THE CONTENTS OF THE WAREHOUSE, SINCE THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE EMBASSY TO DO; STILL A MEMBER OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO BE PRESENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE ARE LARGE QUANTITIES OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT, CARPETS, CURTAINS, ETC. IN THE WAREHOUSE WHICH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE TO BE SENT TO NAIROBI. THE SHIPMENT OF THESE OBJECTS (SEE DE NO. 87 OF 7 DECEMBER 1973) CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE AFTER THE WAREHOUSE HAS BEEN EMPTIED SINCE IT IS SO FULL THAT THESE THINGS CANNOT BE REACHED.

(3) THE RENTED HOUSE AT NO. 3 HILL LANE (SEE DE NO. 86 OF DECEMBER 7, 1973) COULD NOT YET BE EMPTIED BECAUSE THE TRANSIT FIRM HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO PACK THE CONTENTS. HOWEVER WE EXPECT THAT THIS HOUSE CAN BE EMPTIED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

(4) THREE LIFT VANS CONTAINING "HOUSEHOLD GOODS" OF FORMER U.S. EMBASSY MEMBERS PATLA AND BARCAS HAVE BEEN STANDING ON THE GROUNDS OF THE RAILROAD STATION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. LOADING AND SHIPMENT TO NAIROBI HAVE ALLEGEDLY NOT BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF RAILWAY CARS. TIMING OF THE SHIPMENT REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

(5) RENTAL CONTRACTS FOR THE HOUSES RENTED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY CANNOT BE FOUND HERE. SINCE IN A NUMBER OF CASES THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACTS IS UNKNOWN, WE WOULD ASK THAT THE CONTRACTS OR PHOTO COPIES OF THEM BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(6) AS SOON AS THEY ARE EMPTIED, THE FIVE U.S. GOVERNMENT-OWNED HOUSES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO AN AGENT FOR RENTAL. IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER, AS SUGGESTED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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DE NO. 87 OF DECEMBER 7, 1973, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GET THE RENTERS TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOST REPAIRS. AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, THE EMBASSY WILL NEGOTIATE WITH THE AGENT TO HAVE THIS DONE INsofar AS POSSIBLE.

(7) ACCORDING TO A PAPER WHICH WAS HANDED OVER BY THE SECOND SECRETARY MR. MARK AT THE TIME WE TOOK OVER U.S. INTERESTS, THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES ARE TO

CONTINUE TO BE EMPLOYED FOR AN INDEFINITE TIME:

MICHAEL P. LUBINGA FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

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HOPE M. RWAKAARA SECRETARY

FREDERICK B. KABANDA DISTRIBUTION CLERK

CHARLES OGWAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

THESE FOUR EMPLOYEES HAVE ASKED FOR NEW CONTRACTS WHICH, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT YET BEEN DRAWN UP. WE THEREFORE REQUEST TO BE ADVISED TELEGRAPHICALLY OF THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH THESE EMPLOYEES, WHETHER ALL OR ONLY SOME OF THEM, SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE EMPLOYED. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT AT LEAST MICHAEL LUBINGA, MRS. HOPE AND CHARLES OGWAL BE EMPLOYED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

(8) THIS WHOLE PROCESS DEMANDS A CONSIDERABLE EXPENDITURE OF TIME. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE RENEWS ITS

REQUEST THAT A SENIOR OFFICIAL WITH GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF
ENGLISH BE SENT TO KAMPALA, IF POSSIBLE AFTER THE MIDDLE
OF JANUARY, TO STAY UNTIL THE SALES HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED.
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